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Re: NEW **CIP** PATENT APPLICATION  
Attorney Docket No.: 4172  
Inventor: Klaus SAUTER et al.  
Title: Microelectronic Package With an Attachment  
Layer Including Spacer Elements

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing a NEW CONTINUATION-IN-PART PATENT APPLICATION under 35 U.S.C. §111(a) and §120, and 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of the following copending Prior Application:

PCT International Application: PCT/EP00/03140,  
International Filing Date: April 7, 2000  
Prior Application Title: Microelectronic Subassembly

which designated the United States.

2) The enclosures are:

- a) 13 pages of written description;  
19 claims, with 3 independent;  
an Abstract;  
1 Fig. on 1 sheet of formal drawings;
- b) 1 return receipt postcard.
- c) Declaration, Power of Attorney (UNEXECUTED).

3) Our Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) WILL FOLLOW to cover the filing fee. Any fee deficiency or additional fee properly due may be charged to Deposit Account 50-0507.

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4) The Priority of an earlier application:

No. 199 19 716.4 filed on April 30, 1999 in Federal Republic of Germany

is hereby expressly claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119, through the Prior Application.

5) The benefit of the filing date of the Prior Application PCT/EP00/03140 filed on April 7, 2000 is hereby claimed for the present CIP application under 35 U.S.C. §120. The necessary Cross-Reference to the Prior Application is included in the CIP specification.

The entire disclosure of the Prior Application PCT/EP00/03140 is hereby incorporated by reference into the present CIP application.

All correspondence for this application is to be sent to:  
**USPTO CUSTOMER NO. 021553.**

Very truly yours,



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